

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**In the Claims:**

1-17. CANCELED.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A mounting plate having one side and another side and comprising one or more parts for indirectly or directly attaching a tester for electronic components on the one side and a handler for electronic components on the other side, characterized in that ~~[[it]]~~ the mounting plate comprises at least a single plate on the side of the tester to which the tester is attachable and movable therewith and a single plate on the side of the handler to which the handler is attachable, said single plates extending in a plane defined by an x-direction and a y-direction or three or more single plates which are and being slidable against each other in the x and/or y and/or in a z direction extending out of the plane defined by x- and y- direction so as to provide movement of the tester relative to the handler, and the single plates being ~~[[are]]~~ lockable amongst each other.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that the slidability of the single plates of the mounting plate against each other is effected by~~ further comprising one or more ~~roller~~ of rollers or sliding

bearings, ball bearing bushes, sliding guides, guide rollers, linear bearings, linear guides, radial bearings, air bearings or hydraulic bearings between the single plates for providing slidability.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that for ~~oppositely~~ positioning the single plates ~~[[it]]~~ with respect to each other the mounting plate comprises at least one ~~or more~~ apertured ~~plates~~ plate fixedly or slidably and lockably attached to one of the single plates with which at least one ~~or more~~ locking means mounted on the other single plate ~~engage~~ engages reversibly.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 20, characterized in that the apertured plate ~~can be~~ is exchanged exchangeable, with the distances and locations of the bores of ~~this~~ the apertured plate corresponding to the distances and locations of the plungers or contact sites of the handler such that by simply ~~changing a~~ engaging another hole within ~~the same~~ one of said apertured ~~plate~~ plates the central contact base(s) of the tester can be centered above the active plunger(s) of the handler, and, if the handler is changed, with the original apertured plate being exchangeable for an apertured plate adjusted to the plunger distances and plunger locations of ~~[[the]]~~ a new handler.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 20, characterized in that the at least one apertured plate is supported adjustably in the x and/or y and/or z direction and ~~can be locked~~ is lockable in the adjusted position.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 20, characterized in that the at least one locking ~~device~~ means is built as a spring-loaded or not spring-loaded positioning pin, a snap mechanism, a clip-on mechanism or a press-on piece.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 23, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ further comprising a self-locking height adjustment acting at least in the y direction for the sliding single plate carrying ~~[[a]]~~ the tester such that in case the locking device is unlocked, an unintended sinking of the sliding single plate on the side of the tester with the tester attached thereto ~~can be~~ is avoided.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 24, characterized in that the self-locking height adjustment acting in the y direction ~~can be~~ is built as an electric, hydraulic, pneumatic or mechanic adjustment device or a spindle mechanism, rack mechanism, a belt, a chain or in the form of straps, ropes or Bowden cables.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that it ~~comprises~~ further comprising a safety means which allows the single plates to slide in opposite directions only after it has been deactivated.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that the slidability of the single plates against each other is performed manually and/or hydraulically and/or pneumatically and/or electrically and/or mechanically.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that on the single plate on the side of the tester one or more docking devices ~~can be~~ is reversibly or irreversibly mounted for attaching and positioning the tester to the single plate on the side of the tester.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that the single plate on the side of the tester includes two or more recesses, bores with or without threads, structures, adapters, hooks or connecting links for reversibly attaching docking means of the tester having two or more parts or for directly attaching ~~[[a]]~~ the tester.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The mounting plate according to claim 18, characterized in that the single plate on the side of the tester includes a central, round or polygonal recess for reversibly, indirectly or directly receiving a device under test board acting between the tester and the handler.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 30, characterized in that a ~~device under test~~ contact board support having an inside and an outside and adapted on the outside to the shape of the recess and on the inside to the shape of the ~~device under test~~ contact board can be inserted in a reversible as well as loosely fitting or substantially gastight manner into the recess of the single plate on the side of the tester.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The mounting plate according to claim 31, characterized in that the device under test board support is developed to be annular, strut-shaped, grid-shaped, square, rectangular or polygonal as well as electrically insulating.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 21, characterized in that the single plate on the side of the handler ~~side~~ includes a recess centered in the middle for receiving and/or guiding the ~~plunger(s)~~ plunger of the handler.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The mounting plate according to claim 21, characterized in that the adjustability of the ~~one or more~~ single plates can be performed in the z direction to make the ~~area~~ surface of a contact base of the tester facing ~~on the side of the handler of the contact base of the tester lie~~ abut against ~~[[the]]~~ a back panel of the handler.